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Title: Need to extend the construction of Udhampur-Baramulla railwlay line to Kupwara in Jammu and Kashmir.

SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN (BARAMULLA): Sir, prestigious national project of Udhampur-Baramulla is under construction in Jammu and Kashmir. This project is tentatively to be completed by 2009 and fully by 2011. There are no two opinions about the fact that IRON's Technical Brass has done a commendable job in achieving success in spite of security situation and slow process of land acquisition.

Now that railway to Kashmir valley is soon going to be a reality, people of border district of Kupwara are waiting, for the assurances given by the authorities to link them with the railway network, to come true. I reiterate the demand to take up the work on Baramulla-Kupwara track, since all the paraphernalia of IRCON and the Railway Department is in position. It will be wise to carry on this work soon and give benefit to the border district of Kashmir valley. District Kupwara has a big potential for investment and the railway link only can encourage the investors to choose this district.

So, this part of the project is highly feasible for immediate consideration of the Government.